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## **Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Names 2016 Inductees**

OSHKOSH, WI. March 25, 2016 – Five aviators will be inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame at a ceremony to be held on Saturday, October 15 at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. Dick Hanusa, Austin Straubel, Jim Szajkovichs, and Bill and Judy Zivko will be honored at the ceremony.

Dick Hanusa is a native of Oshkosh who received a Bachelor's degree in aeronautical science at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master's degree in management from Cardinal Strich University, Milwaukee. He holds several FAA certifications: Airline Transport Pilot, Airplane Multiengine Land and Rotorcraft-Helicopter, plus several type ratings such as B-757/767 and the DC-3. He's a CFII in airplane and helicopters and serves as a Designated Pilot Examiner. He started flying in 1968 and continues to do so, with more than 12,500 hours logged, including 1,800 combat hours as an Army aviator with two tours in Viet Nam. He has 29 years of active and reserve service. Dick had several high level appointments in his career with the FAA, including national airshow coordinator, supervisor of the FSDO Operations Unit, and an FAA Safety Inspector. Dick is currently the Director of Ground Operations for EAA during AirVenture and an aviation safety consultant, conducting safety audits throughout the world.

Austin Straubel was a World War II pilot from Green Bay who served in the Pacific theater as commander of the 7th Bomb Group. Born in 1904, Austin played football at Green Bay's East High School and the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He took flying lessons in Oshkosh before joining the Army in 1928. He was shot down over Java, Dutch East Indies, and died in Surabaya on February 4, 1942. The international airport in Green Bay is named in Straubel's honor.

Jim Szajkovichs served as an FAA safety manager at the Milwaukee Flight Standards and District Office from 1978 - 2004. He also served with the Wisconsin National Guard from 1982 - 2003 flying the UH-1H helicopter. Prior to joining the Milwaukee FSDO, he was an air traffic controller in Chicago. He has more than 8,200 hours of fixed wing and rotorcraft flight time. Jim is a volunteer pilot with the Civil Air Patrol who started flying in 1963. He is well known throughout Wisconsin for the numerous safety presentations he has conducted.

Bill and Judy Zivko founded Zivko Aero Works in Hartford, Wisconsin, in 1977. Bill was in the Wisconsin Air National Guard from 1964 - 1972. He holds the FAA's Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) license with Inspection Authorization, and worked as a mechanic and inspector for Air Wisconsin. Judy and Bill formed Zivko Aeronautics Incorporated in 1988 and moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, and has developed a series of unlimited competition aerobatic aircraft, the Edge 540 and Edge 540T, using advanced composite materials and design. Judy serves as president of Zivko Aeronautics and was a key part of the company's growth at Zivko Aero Works in Hartford.

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has inducted more than 130 men and women since 1985. Its mission is to collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education for future generations. The plaques of all inductees are located at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh.

Additional event information may be found [www.WisconsinAviationHallofFame.org](http://www.WisconsinAviationHallofFame.org) or by calling 920-385-1483.

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